

RUNAWAY CAR
WAS THE CAUSEIt Broke off the Gas Pipe,
Making A Big Leakage

SPARK IGNITED THE GAS

Resulting in the Terrible Explosion Which
Shook New York to Its Founda-
tion—Accident Might Have
Been Averted.

New York, Dec. 20.—The body of the tenth victim of the terrible explosion in the New York Central railroad's terminal was discovered in the ruins today. The firemen think that this completes the list of the deaths, as the others reported missing are found or reported to be safe. Scores of workmen are clearing away the mass of wreckage, revealing the terrible force of the explosion. Of the injured in the hospitals, five have fractured skulls and will probably die. Four others have serious fractures of limbs and several lost their eyes.

The coroner and the district attorney are co-operating to place the responsibility for the explosion. It seems certain that the accident could have been avoided had the sand-box on the electric engine which hauled the uncontrolled car that broke the gas main been full. Engineer Segarotti of the car told the coroner that he couldn't stop on the slippery rails, not having any sand. Segarotti was released last night on parole.

The Cause Decided On.
Fire Chief Croker decided yesterday afternoon that the whole explosion was due to a mixture of air and illuminating gas, used in lighting railroad cars, touched off by an electric spark. The gas had accumulated in the auxiliary powerhouse from a broken pipe which had been snapped off by the runaway passenger car.

As nearly as can be determined, this is how the accident occurred: A train load of empty passenger cars, hauled by an electric motor, in charge of Albert Segarotti, got out of control of the brakes, crashed into a steel and concrete buffer post, snapped the post off and rammed a pile of lumber behind the post into a two and one-half inch gas main, connecting with the taps from which the tanks of the passenger cars are charged at 250 pounds to the square inch.

By the testimony of the motorman and that of John J. Quinn, a bricklayer clearing away the wrecked lumber, it is assumed that one of them dropped a steel tool across the third rail, there was a flash of electricity and the great reservoir of accumulated gas exploded.

What happened then will never be adequately told. The roof of fire house No. 2, directly across the street from the powerhouse, rose up in the air. A shower of glass, bricks, mortar and splintered timbers began to rain down on the pavements. In an instant the streets were filled with prostrate men and women blown flat by the shock of the detonation.

Estimate of Damage.
To-day's estimate of the damage places it at \$1,500,000. This is larger than the first estimate. Windows were smashed literally by the thousands and a nice problem is raised as to the liability of the insurance companies under the circumstances. Handsome residence fronts were decorated with blankets, sheets, newspapers, burlap or old rags as the quickest substitute for window glass. Several institutions in the neighborhood have appealed for aid to effect repairs and order will not be restored for weeks.

The Tiffany studios at 44th and Madison avenue, fully half a mile from the scene of the catastrophe, suffered. Valuable stained glass windows, valued at \$10,000, were smashed. One of the glass windows was a memorial piece worth \$3,000. Another decorative stained glass window on the far side of the building from the explosion was bent outward and then broken. It was worth about \$2,500.

Explanations by Officials.
Fire Commissioner Waldo issued a statement last night, which was in part as follows:
"All of the investigators from this department agree in the general statement that the explosion was caused by a train backing into the bumper and breaking the two-inch supply main carrying gas to the various points in the yard. The escaping gas permeated the powerhouse until it formed an explosive mixture by combination with the air."

"There was no other trace of any explosive at that point. There is a permit for a first-class dynamite magazine for storing 1,000 pounds on the viaduct at 40th street. This magazine was found to be intact after the explosion. When the leakage was discovered, there had escaped from 14,000 to 20,000 cubic feet. A large quantity became condensed under the floors and throughout the powerhouse."

He adds that the leak was discovered about 15 minutes after the break occurred by William A. Withall, an employee of the railroad. Withall started for the powerhouse to report it, but the explosion occurred before he arrived.

This is the official explanation of the New York Central as given out by Vice President C. E. Daly yesterday afternoon:
"A careful investigation, made by Engineer Kittredge, Construction Engineer Harwood, Electrical Engineer Katie and defense counsel Whaley of the Grand Central terminal, indicates that the explosion was the result of an electric train falling over a bumper post in the storage yards, breaking a gas

pipe, the escape from which penetrated the lower part of the sub-station power house, and became ignited from some cause unknown."

STRIKERS TO RESUME
ON REJECTED TERMSMachinists, Etc., at Big Plant in St.
Louis, Who Have Been Out Since
May, Are to Go Back to
Work

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 20.—The striking machinists, blacksmiths, boiler-makers and sheet metal workers of the Missouri Pacific Iron Mountain system will return to work December 21. The settlement was agreed upon between the officials of the company and representatives of the striking employees last night.

According to General Manager A. W. Sullivan, the settlement is a complete victory for the company. The men go back on the terms offered May 1, which they rejected. That proposal included a three-cent-an-hour increase. The men permanently relinquish control of the shop foreman and acquiesce in the rules adopted by the Chicago conference of western unions on October 21. Mr. Sullivan said the work day for repair shopmen will be nine hours, and for engine house men 10 hours. All the former employees who desire to retain their seniority must apply for reinstatement within 30 days. All the strikers are eligible, but the foremen, numbering nearly 150, will not be taken back.

The machinists' strike began May 2, and the other trades went out in sympathy on October 21. Mr. Sullivan said that the total loss in wages for the men will be nearly \$300,000. Nearly 3,000 employees went out, most of them from the shops at Sedalia, Mo., Argentine, Ark., and Fort Scott, Kans.

NATIVE OF VERMONT.

Dr. David S. Kellogg One of Best Known
Physicians in Northern New York.

Plattsburgh, N. Y., Dec. 20.—David Sherwood Kellogg, one of the most prominent physicians of northern New York, died at his home in this city yesterday. He was born at Essex, Vt., Oct. 21, 1847, graduated with the degree of A. B. in 1870. In 1873 he received the degree of M. D. from the same university, which in 1884 also made him an A. M. In 1875 he married Miss Elizabeth S. Smith of Burlington, who bore him five children: Robert D., a lawyer in Chicago; the Rev. Nelson of Poulinville, Vt.; Elizabeth, Mrs. Arthur Pope of New York; David S., now in Seattle, Wash.; and Francis F., a student at Troy Conference academy, Poulinville.

Dr. Kellogg located in Plattsburgh in 1874 and had since resided here. He was pension examiner from 1883 to 1900; health officer of Plattsburgh, 1878-80, and acting assistant surgeon, U. S. A., for several years. He served in the Vermont militia as a corporal in 1864; was a charter member of the northern New York Medical association; a member of the Vermont Historical society; Prince George's New England Historical and Genealogical society; Sons of the Revolution and Colonial Wars; trustee of Plattsburgh state normal school and public library, and a member of the Sigma Phi fraternity. He owned one of the largest and most valuable collections of Indian relics in the state.

LORIMER EXONERATED
BY SENATE COMMITTEEWhich Finds That the Illinois Man Did
Not Secure His Election Through
Graft—Report Adopted.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—The Senate committee on privileges and elections today adopted a report, exonerating United States Senator Lorimer of Illinois of the charge of securing his election through graft.

Senator Root of New York, for the committee on libraries, today reported favorably the bill creating a commission to plan a suitable memorial for Abraham Lincoln.

CROWE HELD IN \$5,000.

Trial Will Be Held at Providence After
Holidays.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 20.—William H. Crowe, a young man from Vermont, pleaded not guilty in the superior criminal court yesterday to the charge of manslaughter and was held in \$5,000 bail. He will have a trial soon after the holidays.

He is accused in an indictment just returned against him of causing the death by violence of Romeo Charbonneau, an inmate of the state hospital for the insane at Cranston. Crowe was a night keeper at the asylum. He had served only seven days at the institution when the tragic death of Charbonneau occurred.

There were no actual witnesses to any assault, it was stated in the brief proceedings in court yesterday, and hence the bail was made quite a degree less than usual amounts in manslaughter cases.

MORAN CHALLENGES WOLGAST.

Nelson's Conqueror After the Light-
weight Championship.

Boston, Dec. 20.—Owen Moran, who recently knocked out Battling Nelson, last night issued a challenge to meet Ad Wolgast for the lightweight championship at any time or place the latter might name and offered to place a \$5,000 side bet. Moran says he will give up his title if he is unable to meet Wolgast.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 20.—Johnny Conlon, claimant of the bantamweight championship of the world, disposed of Earl Denning of Chicago in five rounds last night before the National Athletic club. A right hand punch to the jaw brought Denning to the mat for the count.

\$50,000 DEFENSE FUND SUBSCRIBED

Home Rule Bill Practically Assured, but
Opponents Will Fight It.

London, Dec. 20.—General election returns, showing that the liberals have an unimpaired majority, probably ensuring the Ireland home rule bill, caused a crisis among the unionists, who have been opposing this, according to Irish dispatches. It is stated that £50,000 defense fund recently mentioned as being raised, has been subscribed and bids are asked for rifle and ammunition to oppose the home rule by arms, if necessary.

18 YEARS
FOR "BIG BILL"Long Sentence Imposed on
Geo. W. Coleman's Co-worker

IN CAMBRIDGE BANK CASE

Kelher Had Been Convicted of Misapplying
Funds of National City Bank of
Cambridge, Mass., at Trial
Held Last June.

Boston, Dec. 20.—"Big Bill" Kelher, who was implicated with George W. Coleman in misapplying the funds of the National City bank of Cambridge, was sentenced today to eighteen years in the state prison at Charlestown. Sentence was pronounced in United States district court by Judge Hale, after he had conferred on the bill of exceptions which Kelher had taken to his conviction.

The government plans to bring Cuniffe and Woods, two witnesses in the case, to trial on Thursday. They were arrested immediately after the conviction of Kelher on the charge of perjury last June.

ADAMS SENTENCED
TO THREE YEARSBoston Man Had Been Convicted of the
Larceny of a Stock Certificate
Valued at \$600 and Goes
to Prison.

Boston, Dec. 20.—Almon D. F. Adams, formerly a prominent State street note and stock broker, who was recently convicted of the larceny of a stock certificate valued at about \$600, the property of George H. Robinson, was late yesterday sentenced by Judge Stevens in the superior criminal court to imprisonment for not more than five nor less than three years in the state prison.

It was shown at the trial that it was the custom with him after making a loan to sell the stock pledged with him as collateral, and when the borrower desired to pay the note Adams would replace the collateral with others of a similar kind.

F. Augustus Heinze and others jointly interested with him had transactions to the extent of more than \$400,000 with Adams, and suits are now pending in the supreme judicial court against nearly forty brokers from whom Heinze is endeavoring to recover possession of his stock which, it is alleged, was hypothecated a second time by Adams to the other defendants.

TO UNRAVEL TANGLE.

Chancery Hearing On Town of New Haven's
Case Given.

Middlebury, Dec. 20.—Judge Zed S. Stanton yesterday afternoon had a chancery court for consideration of the important case of the town of New Haven vs. E. S. Weston and others, the others being the National bank of Middlebury and James McIntyre of New Haven. This bill was brought as a final effort to extricate the town of New Haven and the defendant parties from the tangle in which they found themselves after the death of A. P. Roscoe, treasurer and town clerk of New Haven and treasurer of various other organizations. The proceedings arose yesterday on the report of the special master, Charles H. Darling of Burlington, and effort was made to get the report committed to the special master for further enlightenment. Leroy C. Russell and Charles I. Button of Middlebury, George E. Lawrence of Rutland and Frank L. Fish of Vergennes appeared as solicitors for the various parties.

NO RIGHT SO TO DO.

Court Bars Discrimination In Matter
of Union Labor.

Boston, Dec. 20.—Judge Richardson of the superior court yesterday decided that the superintendent of public buildings of Boston, in awarding contracts, has no right to discriminate in favor of a firm which employs only union labor and has enjoined the carrying out of a contract given to a firm not the lowest bidder. The judge says:

"I think that the contract was given to a contractor other than the lowest bidder, in order, directly or indirectly or both, to favor trade unions and their interests. This, as a public office using public money, the superintendent has no right to do. He had no more right to pay out more money than was necessary to get the work done properly, for the use or benefit of labor unions, than he would to pay it out for the benefit of a political party, or for a church, or for some other organization."

MERCY RECOMMENDED.

Mrs. Jeannette Anderson of New York
Guilty of Manslaughter.

New York, Dec. 20.—Guilty of manslaughter, with a recommendation to mercy, was the verdict rendered yesterday by the jury before which Mrs. Jeannette Anderson has been on trial in the supreme court for stabbing and killing James Wilson, her husband's half brother, last July. She was indicted for murder in the second degree.

Testimony showed that Wilson had been drinking and demanded money of Mrs. Anderson, who refused to give it. She followed him into the hall of her home, where Wilson was found dead with a carving knife by his side. Mrs. Anderson admitted the stabbing, but said that Wilson had insulted her. The court approved the verdict and recommended Mrs. Anderson for sentence on Thursday.

The five-months-old child of Mrs. and Mrs. John Angeli of Center street died this morning. The funeral will be held from the house at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. The interment will be in the Catholic cemetery.

PAY FOR THEIR TRICK.

Lamoille County Men Impersonated Others to
Defraud a Man.

Hyde Park, Dec. 20.—In Lamoille county court yesterday the respondents pleaded guilty in the cases of state vs. Nelson Griffin of Westford and state vs. Fred Demag of Essex, charged with impersonating State's Attorney Maurice and F. G. Fleetwood of Morrisville, and fleeing William Pratt of Stowe out of \$80. Both parties were sentenced to not less than two nor more than three years in the house of correction, the former to pay costs of \$25 and the latter \$80 and costs, amounting to \$88. Sentence was suspended and both were placed in charge of the probation officer for four years.

The case of S. G. Spaulding vs. Annie Muzzey, Stowe parties, was an action brought to recover property to the amount of about \$350, which was claimed the defendant had converted. Defense was that all the property she had taken had been paid for and the jury so found.

The case of state vs. Harry Newton and Glenn H. Tillotson, both of Lowell, charged with shooting a deer at Eden November 27, on trial Saturday and Monday, resulted in a verdict of guilty. The respondents were fined \$100 each and costs.

Yesterday afternoon a jury was empaneled for the case of Fred Laraway vs. the estate of Frank Laraway. This is an appeal from probate court and it is claimed by a son to recover what he claims is his lawful share of the estate. The case will take about three days.

RUTLAND'S EPIDEMIC
FROM CITY WATERSo the State Board of Health Told the
Rutland Board of Aldermen Last
Night About Long-Stand-
ing Trouble.

Rutland, Dec. 20.—In a report made to the board of aldermen last night the state board of health declares that, as result of a hearing in this city a few weeks ago, when testimony was taken from doctors and a number of officials, and from previous investigations, they are of the unanimous opinion that Rutland's recent typhoid fever epidemic, with its 80 cases and three deaths, was due primarily to the city water.

It is pointed out that other factors such as milk and personal contact may have helped in the spread of the disease, but that all the trouble for 10 years is primarily due to the water. The fact is cited that just prior to the last epidemic, the examinations of Rutland water at the state laboratory showed increased contamination.

There is a good deal of feeling between certain doctors who lay the trouble to water and the city officials who have made a big effort to prove their milk theory. The aldermen took no action on the report.

PRODDED BY STATE BOARD.

Because Burlington Has Not Started
Trunk Sewer Line.

Burlington, Dec. 20.—Mayor Burke yesterday received another urgent communication from the state board of health requesting to know if the mayor has any reason to give why the city should not be asked to show cause why the work on the trunk sewer in the south part of the city has not been started. The board also asks whether there is any reason why the matter should not be placed in the hands of the state's attorney, with instructions to begin proceedings against the city.

The street commissioners were notified by Mayor Burke and the commissioners held a meeting yesterday. Attorney R. E. Brown, representing John J. Flynn, appeared before the commissioners and will take the matter up with Mr. Flynn at once in an effort to decide upon some satisfactory agreement.

Mr. Flynn's refusal to allow the city the right of easement through his property in the south part of the city for the \$1,500 damages has been the cause of the delay in beginning work on the sewer. All efforts on the part of the street commissioners to reach a satisfactory arrangement with Mr. Flynn have been unsuccessful. In fact, the commissioners have held three hearings in order to determine whether some compromise could not be reached.

FUNERAL OF LEGISLATOR.

Governor Mead Headed Delegation at
Obsequies of E. M. Pierce.

Rutland, Dec. 20.—The funeral of Representative Erasmus M. Pierce of Mendon, who died at Montpelier last Friday, was very largely attended at the Methodist church here at noon yesterday. After prayer and the eulogy by the Rev. Dr. E. P. Stevens, the pastor, Roberts post, G. A. R., of which Mr. Pierce was a member, took charge of the obsequies and the ritual of the day was read by Chaplain George W. Kenney. The casket was draped with an American flag.

The general assembly was represented by Gov. John A. Mead, Senator E. C. Tuttle of Rutland, Senator H. B. Barden of Wallingford and Representatives A. G. Stone of Wallingford and Newman K. Chaffee of this city. Among the scores of floral tributes was an appropriate piece from the House of Representatives, and the Grand Army organization at Rutland and Montpelier. The hearse was Dr. Ray E. Smith, W. R. Clauson, A. C. Finney and George C. Thall, associates of the deceased in the church. The burial was in Granville, N. Y.

VERMONT MAN DROWNED.

Charles M. Gifford Lost His Life at
Morgantown, West Virginia.

Burlington, Dec. 20.—News of the death on Saturday of Charles M. Gifford, who graduated from the university of Vermont last June, was received Sunday by Professor J. L. Hills in a telegram sent by N. J. Giddings, '08, the bacteriologist at the experiment station at the university of West Virginia at Morgantown, W. Va. It is thought that Mr. Gifford was drowned while skating. Mr. Gifford went to the university of West Virginia to engage in research work about the middle of September.

Now—about that Christmas gift. If you have any doubt as to what she would wish, remember that she would surely enjoy a good laugh, and "The Daily Politician" at the Bijou is some comedy.

PRESSED GUN
AT HIS HEADAnd Then Extracted \$18
From His Pockets

BOLD HOLDUP IN ST. ALBANS

Raymond Wright, Young Clerk in Store,
Victim of a Masked Highwayman
at an Early Hour This Morn-
ing—No Arrests Made.

St. Albans, Dec. 20.—Held up at the point of a revolver by a masked man and robbed of between \$18 and \$19 is the exciting story which Raymond Wright, a clerk in E. H. Royce's store, had to tell the sheriff's department at an early hour this morning, and though the officers searched the vicinity of the hold-up during the remainder of the night they were unable to find the robber, and thus far no arrest has been made.

Young Wright, who is about 20 years old, says he was passing along South Main street on his way home at 12:30 o'clock, when the highwayman stepped out from behind a tree and demanded his money. Wright says that, thinking to partially thwart the robber, he reached down in his pockets and pulled out what loose change he had, turning it over to the highwayman. But the latter was not satisfied and asked Wright if that was all the money he had, and he (Wright) answered in the affirmative.

However, the highwayman was not to be put off so easily, and, putting the muzzle of his revolver against Wright's head, proceeded to go through the young man's pockets, extracting therefrom \$18 in bills. After thoroughly searching the victim's pockets the burglar disappeared, and Wright hurried home, where he told his story, then calling up the sheriff's house and repeating the story to him. In response to the call, two officers went to the Wright home and got the young man to accompany them to the scene of the hold-up. The officers found no trace of the highwayman, but they spent the greater part of the night searching the vicinity. Wright could not give any definite description of the highwayman, as he said, the fellow was masked. The money which the robber took the young man had intended to use buying Christmas presents.

SOUTH RYEGATE MAN

PAID A \$50 FINE

For the Blue Mountain Affray of a Few
Weeks Ago—Other Caledonia
County Court Doings of a
Busy Day.

St. Johnsbury, December 20.—The arguments to the jury in Caledonia county in the case of R. H. Laduec vs. Lorenzo Gray, the piano replevin case, were made yesterday and the jury took the case at about four o'clock this afternoon. They were out but little over one hour and returned a verdict for the plaintiff to recover the possession of the piano, which was taken away from him to satisfy a mortgage, which was alleged to have been given on the piano. In addition to this, the plaintiff is to recover \$500 damages for the unlawful taking thereof and his costs.

The next case called for a jury trial was the trover action of H. F. Griswold vs. B. R. Wentworth. David E. Porter appeared for the plaintiff and Simonds & Seales for the defendant. This case is now under process of trial. It will probably last two or three days.

F. S. Laird was in town yesterday to confer with Guy W. Hill in regard to some insurance cases in which Mr. Hill is counsel for the plaintiff and Mr. Laird for the defendant companies. Four suits were brought against insurance companies last spring as a result of the fire which burned Scott McDowell's store at Lyndonville that night. The insurance companies which had suits were the Providence Washington Insurance Co., Sun Fire Insurance Co., Grain Dealers' Insurance company and the Vermont Mutual Fire Insurance company. A settlement was finally agreed upon and the cases were entered "settled and discontinued."

Several other cases were disposed of by settlement and discontinuance. Among them the case of Frank Bishop, apt. vs. Simeon Dunn. Porter for plaintiff and Simonds & Seales for defendant. Judgment was allowed the plaintiff in the case of George B. Langmaid vs. estate of Willard Langmaid in the sum of \$250 without costs, and the cause was certified back to the probate court.

The highway accident case which was brought by Annie Wentworth against the town of Burke for injuries alleged to have been received through the means of a defective culvert and the approach thereto, was entered settled and discontinued. It is understood that the town paid over \$500 to settle the suit. The bastardy case of Flora C. Woodward vs. Henry W. Clark has been settled and discontinued.

The state's attorney, who has been away for the last few days, returned Friday and will take up the work of cleaning the criminal docket from time to time as the court has opportunity to attend to it. During the interim Burke cases were made. Joseph Guyer of this place was arraigned for selling liquor without a license. He pleaded guilty of one offense and was sentenced to the county jail for a term of not less than three months and not more than four, and to pay a fine of \$300. Sentence was suspended as to the fine, and the respondent will be placed under the care of the probation officer for a term of two years, beginning at the expiration of the jail sentence.

The case of State vs. Andra Giuduli, who was arrested for the affray at Blue mountain in Ryegate a short time since, upon the recommendation of the state's attorney, he was fined \$50 and costs of prosecution, Harland B. Howe appeared

for the respondent and entered a plea of guilty in his behalf. Giuduli paid his fine.

A very pitiful case was brought against Philip Cecil, a young lad fourteen years of age. He was charged with selling lottery tickets. He pleaded guilty to the charge and upon some inquiry by Judge Butler it was thought best, inasmuch as the boy has not a proper environment in which to live at home, to send him to the Vermont industrial school at Vergennes for the remainder of his minority, which will expire March 20, 1917.

Court will probably take a recess the last of the week until the 4th of January. It looks now as if the final adjournment would not come until late in January.

FELL DOWN STAIRS.

Carl N. Benedict Was Badly Used Up by
the Accident.

While going down stairs at his residence on Eastern avenue Sunday morning, Carl N. Benedict sustained serious injuries about the head and shoulders, which nearly proved fatal. Mr. Benedict explains that he was about to grasp the stair post on descending to the first landing, when he suddenly became dizzy, lost his balance and fell over backward. Reaching the first landing, he struck with no little force against the wall. The impact sent him in motion again, and near the base of the stairs his head was forced through a window, cutting large gashes in his forehead and shattering the glass so that neighbors some distance away heard the falling pieces.

Although not rendered unconscious, Mr. Benedict was partially stunned by the shock and does not remember plainly what followed. Mrs. Benedict, however, hearing the noise, went into the hall and found her husband lying in a pool of blood on the floor. Dr. M. L. Chandler was summoned and the injured man was taken to his bed. Investigation revealed a gash five inches in length, extending from the left eye to the back of the head. The gash was so deep that fourteen stitches were required to close the wound. A three-cornered cut near the crown of the head also necessitated several stitches. In addition to minor bruises about the head, Mr. Benedict complained of a lame neck and a badly sprained right shoulder. Examination, however, ascertained that no bones were broken.

To-day the injured man is resting as comfortably as could be expected, and unless some unexpected developments follow, he will be able to be about in a short time. Mr. Benedict is a very heavy man, and added to this the fact that he is almost 75 years old, his escape from death is regarded as remarkable. Five years ago December 15, he figured in an accident somewhat similar to the unfortunate one of Sunday, while engaged at his blacksmith shop on Summer street. He was confined to the house for some time following the accident, and since then has often complained of dizzy attacks, probably as a result of this other fall.

AN EXCITING TUSSELE.

Insane Man Nearly Pulled Over Two
Women in His Leap.

Nashua, N. H., Dec. 20.—Cornelius Brennan, a substitute clerk at Halliday's liquor store on Hollis street, leaped from the piazza of the Nashua hospital yesterday and nearly dragged two nurses with him to the icy ground below. When taken back it was found that he had suffered a depressed fracture of the skull and a compound fracture of the right elbow. He was operated upon at once for his injuries, but his condition is regarded precarious.

He was taken to the hospital yesterday morning and soon became violently insane. He went out of a second-story window upon the piazza, followed by Miss O'Brien and Miss Lapham, nurses, who tried to restrain him.

He was about to pull Miss O'Brien over the edge, but Miss Lapham held her, and when the patient released his hold he pitched to the ground.

BARRE GIRL IN PROGRAM.

Miss Bertha Bau Played at New England
Conservatory Program.

Miss Bertha Bau, a Barre girl who is studying at the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, was prominent on the program of a pupils' recital given at the conservatory on the afternoon of Saturday, Dec. 17. Miss Bau is studying in the pianoforte department, where she has made marked progress, and her rendition of Chopin's Polonaise in C minor, on this occasion, evidenced the high degree of natural talent and the technical proficiency to which she has attained. She was accorded an enthusiastic reception.

BURIAL AT ORANGE.

And Funeral of Nelson R. Cilley Was
Held in That Town.

The funeral of Nelson R. Cilley, who died Saturday morning, was held at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Oscar Peake, Orange, at 2 o'clock yesterday. Rev. W. E. Braisted, pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, officiated. There were several beautiful floral tributes, including a pillow from the children, a pillow from the grandchildren, an anchor from Trow & Holden and employees; also bouquets from the following: Mrs. Elmina Curtis, Mrs. Frank Adams, Clifton Peake, Charles Bixby and mother and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Minard. The bearers were F. W. Cilley, Oscar Peake, Charles Peake and Edwin Peake. The interment was in the cemetery near by.

LAST OF LARGE FAMILY.

Mrs. Lovina M. Pray Died To-day at
Home of Her Daughter.

Mrs. Lovina M. Pray died at 9:30 o'clock this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. A. Witham of South Barre, after a week's illness of pneumonia. Mrs. Pray was born in Woodbury and was 65 years of age. Her maiden name was Lovina Nelson, and she was the last of a family of thirteen children. The funeral arrangements have not been completed.

COTTON PRODUCTION INCREASING.

10,658,492 Bales Ginned in 1910, Million
In Excess of 1909.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—The census bureau report to-day shows that 10,658,492 bales of cotton were ginned from the 1910 growth, up to December 13, being nearly a million in excess of 1909.

BEST SHOWING
EVER MADEReported
pital Ass'n. Last Night

AFTER SUCCESSFUL YEAR

More Patients Treated and Finances in
Better Shape Than Previously.Dr. O. G. Stickney Re-elected
President.

The annual meeting of the Barre City hospital corporation for the hearing of reports and the election of officers was held at the city court room last evening. Dr. O. G. Stickney was elected president of the corporation, Dr. W. D. Reid vice president and Dr. J. W. Jackson clerk. Dr. M. Miles, F. G. Howland, Dr. J. W. Jackson and George B. Milne were elected trustees for three years, and Dr. O. H. Reed for two years. Mr. Milne succeeds the late John E. Smith on the board, and Dr. O. H. Reed, the late W. A. Boyce.

The work of the hospital for the year is shown in the report of the executive committee, which was as follows:—
"The hospital year, which closed Dec. 1, was the most successful thus far in the life of the institution. In the number of patients treated, the number who have received free treatment, and the days of free treatment and nursing given, the hospital has done more than in any previous year. It is equally gratifying for us to state that the financial condition of the hospital is in better shape than at any previous time.

"A total of 182 patients were admitted to the hospital in the year just ended, or 51 more than for the year preceding. Of these, 80 were males and 92 females. There were six births at the hospital during the year and 18 deaths; 100 patients were discharged. The smallest number of patients in the hospital at any one time was four and the largest 18. The number of days' board given was 2,772. The free bed was occupied 327 days during the year, and the number of free patients occupying it was 26. The number of days' free treatment given by the doctors of the staff was 330. "The amount of money received and how expended is given in the treasurer's report."

"The hospital ladies' aid, besides collecting and turning over to the hospital \$500 for the maintenance of the free bed, has also expended \$528.71 on repairs at the hospital, as well as also doing a lot of personal work in looking after and helping in these improvements. They have also collected or purchased many things needed at the hospital in the way of clothing, furnishings, etc."

"Two of the members of the board of directors of this institution have passed away during the year, John E. Smith and W. A. Boyce. Each was greatly interested in the work of the institution and each contributed liberally towards its support. Mr. Smith